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## Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the newsletter for the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. We'll be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news and information in the world of public records, vital records and personal privacy, as well as more about Orange County history.

Sincerely,

Hugh Nguyen  
Orange County Clerk-Recorder

## Beat the Summer Rush and Apply for Your Passports Now!



Get your passport now and avoid last minute travel problems and extra costs by taking advantage of the Clerk-Recorder Department's special Saturday openings this April 12th and May 17th from 10 am to 3 pm at the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana. Reservations for passports are recommended due to an anticipated increase in demand for services and the fast approaching summer travel season. Please note that passport services are only available at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana.

To read more please visit:

<http://ocrecorder.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=34304>

## Special Saturday Hours Planned for April 12

Plan now to take advantage of special Saturday hours available at the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department on Saturday, April 12th from 10 am to 3 pm at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana and at the Department's Branch Offices in Laguna Hills and Fullerton. The old County Courthouse will be offering marriage licenses, civil wedding ceremonies and passport services only. Copies of property records and birth, death and marriage certificates will be available at the Laguna Hills and Fullerton Branch offices as well as obtaining marriage licenses and ceremonies.

For more detailed information visit:

<https://cms.ocgov.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=34071>

## Thousands Take Advantage of Special Saturday Hours



Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen (center) with newlywed couple Christine Le and Nghia Phan who were married during one of our special Saturday office openings.

More than 2,740 customers have obtained a marriage license during Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen's special Saturday openings at the department's offices in Santa Ana, Fullerton and Laguna Hills.

The department's March 8th Saturday opening was another great success. This represented the department's 10th Saturday opening. Department staff issued 159 marriage licenses and performed 93 civil marriage ceremonies in a five hour period. These numbers exceed normal work week averages.

Beginning in June 2013, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen started opening his offices for one Saturday each month to help customers who are unable to make it to the office during regular business hours. Since then the department has issued 1,371 marriage licenses and 820 marriage ceremonies.

To read more visit:

<http://ocrecorder.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=33989>

## Clerk-Recorder Department's South County Branch Office Celebrates Eight Years of Service to the Public



More than 211,900 customers have taken advantage of the Clerk-Recorder Department's South County Branch since opening eight years ago at the Laguna Hills Civic Center According to Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

Since opening in February 27, 2006, the branch office has issued 36,113 marriage licenses, performed 13,503 civil marriage ceremonies, issued 191,729 copies of vital records and filed 32,209 fictitious business name statements.

The office has also recorded more than 38,570 real property documents.

To read more please visit: <http://ocrecorder.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=33625>

## Clerk-Recorder Department's North County Branch Office Celebrates Five Years of Service to the Public



More than 157,358 customers have taken advantage of the Clerk-Recorder Department's North County Branch Office in Downtown Fullerton since it opened on February 14, 2009, according to Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

Since opening, the branch office has issued 22,498 marriage licenses, performed 9,876 civil marriage ceremonies, issued 112,432 copies of vital records and filed 22,486 fictitious business name statements. The office has also recorded more than 10,861 real property documents.

The branch office was opened following the success of the department's South County Branch Office located at the Laguna Hills Civic Center.

To read more please visit:

<http://ocrecorder.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=33590>

## Harlem Globetrotters and Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen Teamed Up to Spread the Love on Valentine's Day



Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen (center), Harlem Globetrotters Thunder Law (left) and Wun Versher (right) witness marriage ceremony on Valentine's Day.

Harlem Globetrotters superstars Wun Versher and Thunder Law visited the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's marriage unit at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana on Valentine's Day. The superstars donated their time to help Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen host this year's Valentine's Day event.

The Globetrotters brought their own red roses and handed them to couples looking to "tie the knot" on what ended up being a record breaking day for couples getting married.

Their visit was the highlight of the day. The superstars took photos and chatted with customers. They even served as witnesses in one lucky couple's ceremony.

"It was an honor to have such special guests," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "I would like to thank the Harlem Globetrotters for making this day unique and memorable for the couples who were present during their visit."

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen also thanked his staff for providing great customer service and assistance on such a busy day.

To read more visit: <http://ocrecorder.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=33366>



## 266 Couples Married on Valentine's Day



We were honored to have First District Supervisor Janet Nguyen (right) who performed civil marriage ceremonies for some lucky couples on this record setting Valentine's Day at the Old Orange County Courthouse.

A record number of couples - 266 - were married this Valentine's Day in civil ceremonies performed by Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen and his deputy clerks at the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department's three marriage locations - breaking the long standing Valentine's Day record of 173 couples wed in 1997.

In addition to marrying 266 couples, the Clerk-Recorder Department also issued 310 marriage licenses. Last year the department issued 224 marriage licenses on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day continues to be the most popular day of the year for civil marriage ceremonies.

Ceremony rooms were available at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana and at the department's branch offices in Fullerton and

Laguna Hill. The Clerk-Recorder Department extended its hours of operation for all three marriage locations in an effort to accommodate the high demand.

To read more visit: <https://cms.ocgov.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=33417>

## Clerk-Recorder Extends Hours at Offices in Fullerton and Laguna Hills

Effective February 3rd, the Orange County Clerk-Recorder extended its operating hours at the department's branch offices in Downtown Fullerton and at the Laguna Hills Civic Center.

The branch offices will now remain open from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Previously, the branch offices were open until 4 pm while the department's main offices in Santa Ana stayed open until 4:30 pm.

In addition to extending hours at the branch offices, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen has opened the branch offices and the department's passport and marriage units at the Old County Courthouse for one Saturday each month to help customers have easier access to services.

To read more visit:

<http://ocrecorder.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=32925>



## Employee of the Month: January

Name: Rene Hermosillo

Job Title:  
Senior Recordable Document Examiner

How long have you been with the department?  
*I have been with the department for almost 12 years.*

What is the best part of your job?  
*I like it when customers leave with a smile on their face. I enjoy everyday at work. I enjoy every single moment with my co-workers and the customers.*

What is your favorite book?  
*The best selling book of all times, The Bible*

What is your favorite movie?  
*The Godfather*

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live about your family. Anything that may surprise us?  
*I am a cancer survivor. I have been cancer free for 10 years. I was born in Chihuahua, Mexico. I have been living in the U.S. for 29 years. I try to live every day as it were my last. I have been married to my wife, Ana, for 25 years. I love to be an early riser - I get up at 4 a.m. to get exercise and get ready for the day.*



## Co-Employee of the Month: February



Name: Linda Weldon

Job Title:  
Data Entry Technician

How long have you been with Clerk-Recorder Department?  
*I have been with the department for 25 years.*

What is the best part of your job?  
*I am truly blessed to have an understanding boss and co-workers who are willing to help one another. I like the unity.*

What is your favorite book?  
*My favorite book is Who Moved My Cheese?*

What is your favorite movie?  
*A Christmas Story*

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live about your family. Anything that may surprise us? *I love singing in my church choir. Laughing out loud is one of my favorite things to do - I choose to be happy. I have been married for 38 years, have two sons and one daughter-in-law, and I have three grandchildren that absolutely make my heart melt.*

## Co-Employee of the Month: February

Name: Rachel Garcia

Job Title:  
Office Specialist

How long have you been with the department?  
*I have been with the department for 22 years.*

What is the best part of your job?  
*I really enjoy helping people. Everyday I get to hear how happy people get when I help them over the phone.*

What is your favorite book?  
*Heaven is For Real*

What is your favorite movie?  
*Imitation of Life ...*

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live about your family. Anything that may surprise us?  
*I have lived in Orange County my whole life. I was interested in becoming a paralegal but I wasn't able to continue with school. I would also like to become a DJ someday. I have been married for 14 years and have two daughters, Monique and Mia, whom I call my M & Ms. I live in Fullerton .*



## Co-Employee of the Month: March



Name: Chantha Muth

Job Title:  
Office Specialist

How long have you been with Clerk-Recorder Department?

*I have been with the department for 9 years.*

What is the best part of your job?  
*I enjoy meeting new people and listening to their stories.*

What is your favorite book?  
*I don't have a favorite book.*

What is your favorite movie?  
*The Exorcism of Emily Rose*

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live about your family. Anything that may surprise us? *I love good food and good company. Surprised??*